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Educator Preparation Performance Reports Available

LITTLE ROCK — Preparing tomorrow's teachers is of the utmost importance today. To help ensure colleges and universities are on the right track, the Arkansas Department of Education partnered with institutions of higher education to produce the Educator Preparation Performance Reports.

The reports, which are currently available on the ADE Data Center, provide information about graduates' success at the institution and program level. They also report demographic and statistical data that is used when making policy decisions. The reports are the first attempt to accomplish these goals. Future reports will include additional metrics to help identify the effectiveness of graduates.

Identification of metrics and the report format were developed in collaboration with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and representatives from 10 Arkansas public and eight private institutions with educator preparation programs.

"The reports reflect a collaborative effort between ADE and higher education," said ADE Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell. "This partnership resulted in valuable information and reports that will ensure tomorrow's teachers are prepared to help students become college and career ready."

The reports provide aggregate data by institution and program area for graduates from Arkansas' educator preparation programs. School districts and charter schools can use the information to make informed hiring decisions. Students interested in pursuing a career in education may use the report to make decisions regarding which program to attend, and institutions may use the data for continuous improvement efforts and program planning. Data also will assist state and institutional policy makers in identifying future needs and targeted improvements to produce the most effective teachers for the

benefit of Arkansas students.

A statewide report, as well as reports for participating institutions of higher education, are available by going to <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/eppr/>. Information includes licensure exam pass rates; required credit hours; surveys that gauge novice teachers' perception of programs; program field experiences, clinical practice and faculty data; EPP enrollment/race data; numbers of teachers prepared, licensed and working in Arkansas public schools; and out-of-state teacher data.

The report will be produced annually. Future reports will include a link to teacher-student growth measures; novice teachers' employer surveys; standardized test scores (GRE, SAT and/or ACT) for EPP program completers; and recruitment and retention data.

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